

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of reducing endotoxin induced cytokine production in a human patient suffering from cachexia or body wasting ~~treating or ameliorating body wasting or cachexia in a human patient with liver cirrhosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic renal failure, diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis in a patient~~ the method comprising administering to the human patient an effective amount of a compound that is able to reduce the production, *absorption and/or* the effect of an endotoxin (lipopolysaccharide; LPS).

2. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising treating, preventing or ameliorating endotoxin-mediated immune activation in body wasting or cachexia in a human patient with liver cirrhosis, ~~chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic renal failure, diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis~~ the method comprising administering to the human patient an effective amount of a compound that is able to reduce the production, absorption and/or the effect of an endotoxin (lipopolysaccharide; LPS).

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3. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is able to bind to an endotoxin (lipopolysaccharide, ~~LPS~~) molecule.

4. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is able to reduce *the* available endotoxin in the patient.

5. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is a bile acid.

6. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the bile acid is any one of ursodesoxycholic acid, chenodeoxycholic acid, dehydrocholic acid, cholic acid and deoxycholic acid.

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19. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is a compound named in claim 5 ~~to~~ 16.

20. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is administered orally.

21. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is administered intravenously.

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22. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is administered rectally.

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